



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Ben Smith visit**

We had a wonderful day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, wearing our clothes that make us feel happy and welcoming Ben Smith into our assembly. The children enjoyed hearing about how running had changed Ben's life and how much money he has raised through his charity for Anti-bullying. Thank you to Anny and Ellie who supported us with his special day. Anny actually ran one of the marathons with Ben when he completed the challenge!



## **Handy person!**

We are looking for a handy person to lend a hand in and around the school building. If you think you might be able to help with any of the following jobs, we would be ever so grateful: putting up noticeboards, attaching storage boxes to outside brick walls, minor internal decoration....

## **Dates for your diary**

**Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents evenings – Please book your appointment using the parentmail app or browser.

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day – At 9.30am we are taking part in BBC Oxfordshire Radio Guinness book of records challenge to beat the existing record of 'how many children playing musical bumps at one time' - more information about Red Nose Day will come from the school council

**1<sup>st</sup> April** – Final of Stockham's Got Talent 2022

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Here is our school link to our Amazon wish list page!

It is full of the latest recommended books which we would love to begin filling our book corners, school library and guided reading selections with. The books will be distributed and used all over the school - based on the needs of the children and school areas. If you would like to support us by buying a book for our school, we would be incredibly grateful! The link can be found here: <https://amzn.eu/eATTDGF>

### **Class News**

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs, using story maps and adapting the story to put in our own twist. We learned about predicting in science and tested materials to see if they would withstand the huffing and puffing of the Big Bad Wolf. We're also thinking about alternative materials for the three houses, with some very silly suggestions to try! In maths we're focusing on careful counting again, looking at 1 more using the 'number staircase', and continuing to think about the composition of numbers to 7.
- Year 1** In Year 1 this week we have been looking at non-chronological reports. The children have been identifying the key features of the reports ready to help them create their own in a couple of weeks. During history we have been comparing photos of Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. The children have been looking for clues in each picture to tell them if the photo is old or modern.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have been using all our expertise of fractions to now find the fractions of numbers. We have enjoyed drawing pictures of cakes and making bar model images to support us with this. In English we have been planning and writing non-chronological reports about dragons. We have worked hard to use interesting vocabulary and to organise our work into paragraphs.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have been looking at our text for English 'My Strong Mind.' We are going to be writing instructions for how to be resilient, so we have been deciding what a good 'recipe' for instruction writing is. In maths we have continued to look at column addition and subtraction, we have been moving towards being able to just use the formal written method. Lots of the class have shown great confidence and determination and taken part in auditions for Stockham's got talent, it was lovely to see so many people taking part!
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week finding out more about Lenny in our book The Lion and the Unicorn. We have thought about how he might have felt when he was evacuated to the country and written descriptions about the contrasting location he now finds himself in. In maths we have been investigating factors and how we can find these for different numbers. We have also begun to learn the compact method for multiplication. In history we have learnt about when and why World War II started, the countries involved and tried to order a timeline of the main events from the war. As scientists we have begun to think about sound.
- Year 5** This week Year 5 have begun writing a persuasive letter in English. In maths we have been learning to measure the perimeter of shapes accurately. We have also started our DT topic all about bread! Year 5 have also been learning how to give directions as part of their French lesson.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been exploring explanation texts. In maths, we have moved on to co-ordinates and plotting and translating shapes. In science, we have looked at the lungs role in the circulatory system.

## Soaring High

This week the following children have earned "Soaring High":

- Year F** Bea for her amazing character dances in PE this week, you concentrated on the movements and the facial expressions brilliantly!  
Louie K for his focus and contribution to our science lesson. You used your knowledge of the world to help your predictions and listened really carefully to your classmates thoughts as well.
- Year 1** Scarlett for showing brilliant listening during our history lesson. You had remembered lots from the last lesson, and it was lovely to hear you share your ideas with the class.  
Ariella for your perseverance with your learning. It is lovely to see your confidence growing in our lessons and hearing you participate with group discussions. Well done!
- Year 2** Maisy and Chloe for drawing a superb visualisation of our poem Dragonbirth. You showed excellent clarity in your drawings and could explain beautifully why you had visualised each part of your picture. A great reading skill! Well done girls.
- Year 3** William for using fantastic independence and confidence in guided reading this week, you were able to give fantastic, well thought out thoughts and opinions in our group session. It is clear to see how carefully you listen, brilliant work William!  
Lola for using amazing confidence and independence in everything you do, you are happy to put your hand up during lessons and also give everything a try! It has been amazing to see you really pushing yourself and trying things that you may not have before. Huge well done Lola!
- Year 4** Alfie G for making great progress with your reading. You have been trying so hard to use all your phonics knowledge and this is really paying off. Well done, Alfie.  
Joey for always being so happy and positive. You are always so keen to share your ideas in class and approach everything with such a positive attitude. Your confidence is really growing and it is so lovely to see. Well done, Joey.
- Year 5** Kaci for using her listening skills and confidence in English to give some great answers. Well done Kaci!  
Shanley for using perseverance in maths when measuring the perimeter of some tricky shapes. Keep up the good work Shanley!
- Year 6** Molly P for having the confidence to continue in her audition without even a flinch when she had a shoe set back. Great resilience.  
Kiran for his determined attitude to take part in French lessons - he is really helpful to others through great teamwork and showing what he knows. He also was brilliant when put on the spot to speak it in an assembly!

Well done everyone!

## Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 3 for having the tidiest room. Well done!

## Second-hand uniform

Good quality, second-hand uniform is available from Friends of Stockham with all money raised coming directly to school. For information on availability of items, please see this facebook group or email [friendsofstockham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstockham@gmail.com).

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Stockham-School-Second-hand-uniform-sale-103641978169121>

## School Uniform

If you need new uniform please order online or by telephone. The website is [pmgschoolwear.co.uk](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk) and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from pmgschoolwear.